

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of JENNIFER L. SMITH and MARC A.
SMITH, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

JODI SMITH,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CHRISTOPHER CAVENAUGH,

Respondent.

In the Matter of MICHAEL RAY SMITH, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

JODI SMITH,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CHRISTOPHER CAVENAUGH,

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Respondent.

Before: Sawyer, P.J., and Holbrook, Jr., and W. E. Collette,* JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The family court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of her parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. *Id.*

Also, the family court did not abuse its discretion in denying respondent-appellant's motion to adjourn the proceedings. *Zerillo v Dyksterhouse*, 191 Mich App 228, 230; 477 NW2d 117 (1991). Respondent-appellant cites no authority for her claim that the amended statutes violate the Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution. We therefore deem it abandoned and decline to review it. *Neal v Oakwood Hosp Corp*, 226 Mich App 701, 722; 575 NW2d 68 (1997).

Affirmed.

/s/ David H. Sawyer
/s/ Donald E. Holbrook, Jr.
/s/ William E. Collette

* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.